(6) Ex. MRs/MOS(R)s/DMRs.

(7) Non-official Members of Hindi Salahakar Samiti.

(8) Eminent persons/Organisations engaged in social/cultural/ educational/sports welfare activities and others on medical grounds, etc. under the discretionary powers of Minister for Railways.

Note:- The issue of Complimentary card passes under the discretionary powers has presently been stopped due to difficult financial position faced by Railways.

II. CHEQUE PASSES:

(1) Licensed Porters.

(2) Individuals and organisations engaged in social, cultural, educational, sports and welfare activities under the discretionary powers of Minister for Railways, Minister of State for Railway and Railway Board, as per guidelines evolved by the Ministry of Railways.

(c) There is presently no proposal to change the existing policy.

Survey Work of Talcher-Bimalagarh Rail Line

2839. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when Talcher-Bimalagarh proposed Rail Line survey work will be completed;

(b) whether Railway authority know that above proposed rail line will go through Tribal, SC and OBC area of Sundargarh, Deogarh and Angul districts, if so, whether authority will recommend as special case to Government to take up work of this rail line during current plan; and

(c) what amount of revenues S.E. Railway is getting from (towards goods Train) Talcher Station every year and whether Government propose to upgrade this station during current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) The survey work for a new line between Talcher and Bimalagarh has been completed and the survey report is under finalisation. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey results are finalised.

(c) The earnings from passenger traffic for Talcher during 2000-2001 was Rs. 36.02 lakhs. The goods earnings at Talcher during the same year was Rs. 593.25 crores mainly by loading of coal from the sidings around Talcher.

Remodelling of Talcher station and station yard at a cost of Rs. 2.99 crores and augmentation of other passenger amenities costing Rs. 22 lakhs are ongoing works for which about Rs. 95 lakhs has been allocated during the current year.

Encroachment of Railway land in A.P.

2840. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in recent years by the Zonal Railways to identify the railway land encroached upon by different elements, particularly jhuggi jhonpri dwellers who have constructed jhuggies or small houses thereon;

(b) if so, the district-wise details of encroachments on railway land in Andhra Pradesh;

(c) the steps taken to have the encroachments vacated;

(d) whether Government propose to exploit such lands commercially to augment their income; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) State and District-wise details are not maintained in this regard by Railways.

(c) Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to identify and remove encroachments from their land as per the provisions of Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971, and as per the provisions of the Railways Act, 1989.

(d) and (e) Utilisation of lands for commercial purposes is done where the same is viable. The land is also used for grow more food programmes, plantations, playgrounds in railway colonies etc. Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to identify lands for commercial utilisation all over the